

STATE AGENT MERRILL HAS COUNTY MEETINGS

S. E. Merrill of Reno, horticultural expert of the agricultural extension service, arrived in Ely last Tuesday from the southern part of the state, where he had been conducting field demonstrations on the pruning of trees, bushes and vines and also giving spraying demonstrations.

Meetings and demonstrations for Mr. Merrill were arranged by County Agent Thomas King, who conducted the state agent through White Pine county. Demonstrations were held at Preston Wednesday morning on the pruning of different varieties of fruit trees, the meeting being largely attended by ranches from the neighborhood. A meeting was also held during the noon hour, at which Mr. Merrill discussed the various diseases and insects affecting the crops in this county. Questions from the farmers on their individual problems were answered. A meeting with demonstrations was held at Lund in the afternoon.

Thursday Mr. Merrill went to Baker, where demonstrations and a general meeting was held, and the following day was spent at the Cleveland and Yelland ranches, in Spring valley.

Tomorrow Mr. Merrill will be available to any person in Ely desiring his services. His headquarters are in Mr. King's office in the county court house. The activities of the horticultural expert covers all varieties of fruit, vegetables and grain.

Mr. Merrill will leave Tuesday morning for Elko and Humboldt counties, where he will give demonstrations for the next week, after which he will return to his headquarters in Reno for a short stay.

McFadden Decides Ormsby County Case

The \$30,000 damage suit brought by Dr. Clinton C. Merrill against Joseph Stern, sheriff of Ormsby county, and his bondsmen was decided in favor of Sheriff Stern by Judge C. J. McFadden of Ely, who presided in the district court of Ormsby county at the time of the trial. The suit arose out of the detention of the plaintiff for a few hours following the sudden death of Mrs. Abby Cowing on the Blackwell ranch, near Carson City, a few weeks ago. Merrill was detained and appeared before the coroner's jury, afterward being released.

The decision of Judge McFadden was that there was sufficient suspicion to warrant holding the plaintiff for investigation and that there was no actual proof of any damage. Platt & Sanford were attorneys for the sheriff and his bondsmen and A. Grant Miller was attorney for Dr. Merrill. According to the judgment of the court Sheriff Stern will also recover his costs. The case was instituted several years ago but was only heard about six weeks ago in Carson City. Judge McFadden presided in the case in place of Judge Langan, district judge of Ormsby county.

Ely Observed Washington's Birthday Wednesday, February 22, was the 190th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. This is a day when the whole country pays tribute to the memory of the first president of the United States. The day was observed in Ely as a general holiday, with banks, county offices and business houses remaining closed for the day. During the day the shoot at the grounds of the White Pine Rod and Gun Club attracted a large crowd and in the evening the dance given by the Moose at Bijou hall was the center of attraction.

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EASTERN CAPITALISTS TO INSPECT KOLCHEK MINE

Word has been received from Theo. H. M. Crampton of Santa Monica, Cal., who has an option on the Alex Kolchek mining property on Cleveland creek, in Spring valley, that as soon as the roads to the mine are passable for automobile travel he will return to Ely with his eastern financial backers and one or more mining engineers, who will give the property a thorough examination.

If this examination proves satisfactory to the moneyed men from the east the deal for the property will be closed and a program of rapid development inaugurated.

As the snow is melting and the roads toward Spring valley are being put in shape for travel it is thought that the party will arrive in Ely within ten days or two weeks.

The Kolchek holdings have indicated rich possibilities as a gold-producing mine, which metal at the present time is considered an attractive proposition owing to the growing demand for gold production.

After securing an option on the property last October Mr. Crampton went to New York to endeavor to interest capital for an extensive development of the mine, and the latest word received from him would indicate that he was successful in securing the desired backing.

Men who are in a position to know say that the Kolchek property has the making of a great mine.

Many Participants at Gun Club Shoot

In last Sunday's shoot of the White Pine Rod & Gun Club Quayle regained first place after losing it the week before. The regular practice shoot will begin at 12 o'clock today. Last Sunday's score was as follows:

| Shot at | Broke | P. C. |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------|
| B. L. Quayle | 100 | 94 |
| Herman Wise | 100 | 88 |
| W. H. Bishop | 75 | 86 |
| Vail Pittman | 50 | 86 |
| E. Lindskog | 100 | 83 |
| A. J. Proctor | 50 | 76 |
| Stevenson | 50 | 64 |
| Long Runs | Quayle, 42; Lindskog, 41 | |
| Doubles | | |
| Quayle | 50 | 47 |
| Bishop | 48 | 74 |
| Stevenson | 26 | 74 |
| Pittman | 16 | 24 |
| Lindskog | 17 | 50 |

A prize shooting contest was held by the club Wednesday, Washington's birthday. Forty-two prizes, consisting of hams, bacon and merchandise orders, were awarded to the successful contestants. W. H. Bishop and Ernest Lindskog carried off the high honors.

Fristoe Reward Money Again Before Court

The motion to strike from the files the complaint in intervention filed by Attorney V. H. Vargas in behalf of Henry C. Nicholson and asking to vacate the order granting leave to file the complaint of intervention was argued in the district court yesterday by Attorneys Charles S. Chandler and Charles E. Handwright, attorneys for plaintiff. The motion was based on the claim that the money paid in court by the Union Land & Cattle Company was paid for the benefit of the substituted defendants named in the affidavit of interpleader, and after such payment into court and the discharge of the Union Land & Cattle Company no person not mentioned in the affidavit of interpleader had a right to intervene or claim any of the reward money, and that the complaint of Mr. Nicholson did not show that he had an interest in the matter sufficient to entitle him to file a complaint of intervention. Attorney V. H. Vargas for Mr. Nicholson argues that the Union Land & Cattle Company did not intend that the right of the award be confined to the named defendants but was paid into court for the purpose of determining who was entitled to the reward, and that Nicholson had a right to file his complaint of intervention if Mr. Nicholson did not take advantage of the opportunity to intervene he could not later hope to establish his claim against the company. Attorneys H. W. Edwards, James M. Lockhart and A. J. Proctor, representing other litigants in the matter of the reward took part in the argument, arguing in support of the admission of the complaint of intervention.

City Tax Rate Increased 25 Cents
The tax rate for the city of Ely for the coming year was fixed at \$1.50 on the hundred dollar valuation by the city council at the meeting Monday evening. This tax is assessable on all property within the city of Ely. This is an increase of 25 cents over the rate of last year. Two years ago the rate was \$1.75.

Other business transacted by the council was the first reading of ordinance No. 108, regulating licenses in the city of Ely.

Former County Agent Visits District
Gardner L. Chism, a former Ely resident and formerly county farm bureau agent, who now makes his home at Alamo, in Lincoln county, was an arrival in Ely during the week.

ELY ENTERS RANKS OF BONE-DRY COMMUNITIES

Friday afternoon Mayor J. H. Gallagher, acting in the capacity of a private citizen, swore out warrants before Justice of the Peace D. C. McDonald for the search of seven alleged soft drink establishments in Ely in an endeavor to secure evidence of the sale of intoxicating beverages. The warrants were placed in the hands of City Marshal Harris and Night Marshal Pedlar and the establishments searched Friday evening. Sheriff H. C. Nicholson and Deputy Sheriff Bud Bodell assisting the city peace officers. As no liquor was found on any of the premises no arrests were made.

The places searched were the Casino, Owl and the Ajax, in the red light district, and the establishments of Mickey Breen, the Bank Buffet, Dave Lyons and W. L. Tuck.

As far as the officers were able to find out Ely is a bone-dry city.

FIELD SECRETARY HOAG STANDS PAT ON ROUTE

In Carson City this week Gael S. Hoag reiterated his statement that the Lincoln highway will not be rerouted over the Wendover route and the field secretary stands firm in his policy of rerouting any portion of the highway. To a representative of the Carson City News Mr. Hoag discussed the highway thus:

"The Lincoln Highway Association will continue its program of building a great transcontinental highway," Gael S. Hoag, who spent a few days in Carson in the interest of the organization which he represents.

"And there will be no change in location of the route," continued Mr. Hoag. "It is a fixed policy of the association that once selected a route is not changed." Asked if this statement "goes" for the situation in western Utah and eastern Nevada the field secretary stated with positiveness that the Lincoln highway will not be rerouted from Salt Lake City to Wendover. Neither will a change in location be made in the eastern part of this state.

The stand taken by the News editorially a few days ago to the effect that forces in Salt Lake City inimical to the Lincoln highway do not want an improved and completed highway leading directly west Mr. Hoag endorsed as absolutely correct. He referred to a recently published statement of the well known Salt Lake City road man, "Bill" Kishel, who practically admitted that Utah's chief interest in the visiting automobile tourists is to keep them within the borders of that state, and that the showing in support of the northern route is really camouflage.

"Are the residents of southern Tooeie county, Utah, going to stand firm in their support of the Lincoln highway as opposed to the Wendover route, Mr. Hoag?" "Most assuredly they are," he answered. "They will not provide the funds necessary for improvement of the road to Wendover. They have already reduced the amount of their tax levy for road improvement purposes to the minimum, which is about \$1,900, and have announced that they will raise no more money until assured that it will be expended where they wish—on the Lincoln highway. Nineteen hundred dollars will not make much of a showing on the Wendover road."

"There are various matters to be discussed with the Nevada highway officials regarding improvements to be made on the route in this state," Mr. Hoag said. "Agreements under which the state of Nevada accepts Lincoln Highway Association funds for use in construction work in this state have been made. Contracts on which the time limit had expired have been renewed. I am also going over highway details with State Consul Harrington and will be in Carson several days. Of course we will continue our campaign for more extensive recognition of our road as a primary and secondary route."

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According to tonnage figures as to the amount of coal used in Reno for the last four years the net saving in Reno will amount to approximately \$10,000 a year. At other points the saving will be in proportion, with the greatest saving being made at McGill when the copper smelters are running full force. At such time the saving in cost of haulage at McGill would be approximately \$200,000 a year.

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The examiner who heard the case when it was presented before the inter-state commerce commission did not recommend reductions on anything but main line rates, but dispatches show that the reductions were granted on all lines, branch lines included.

Dismiss Suit Against Land Company

The suit instituted by the Inter-mountain Association of Credit Men of Salt Lake against the Baker Realty and Mercantile Company, George T. Baker and Guy Saval on a promissory note drawn in the sum of \$7,000 by the Baker Realty and Mercantile Company and endorsed by Saval and Baker, which has been pending in the district court for nearly a year, has been dismissed without prejudice to the institution of a new action. Walker & Vargas were attorneys for the plaintiff and James M. Lockhart represented the defendants.

Increased Yield of Potatoes in State
Advices from the famous potato growing sections of Nevada are that there will be an increased acreage this year. This state stands ready to produce all the potatoes the market will take and is feeling its way to high prosperity through its potato fields.

LOWER FREIGHT MEANS CHEAPER COAL FOR ELY

Lower prices for coal in the Ely district are a possibility for the near future. It is not at this time known just what the reduction will be, but from present information it will not be large. By a recent decision of the interstate commerce commission the freight rate on coal from the mines to points in Nevada are to be reduced from 10 to 20 per cent. Just what the reduction to the Ely district will be is not yet known.

Word has been received by the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company and the Nevada Northern Railway Company that the new rates from Wyoming and Utah to McGill, effective April 22, will be as follows: Lump, \$5.60; mine run, nut and slack, \$4.60. The old rates were \$6.50 and \$5.25.

To Ely and East Ely from the same points the new rates will be as follows: Lump, \$5.85; mine run and nut, \$5.25; slack, \$4.85. The old rates to these points were: Lump, \$6.75; mine run and nut, \$5.87 1/2; slack, \$5.50.

The new rates mean reductions of from 65 cents to 90 cents to McGill, Ely and East Ely.

In regard to the proposed freight reduction the Reno Journal published the following telegram and local comment:

Freight rates on coal from Utah and Wyoming to points in Nevada have been held to be too high by the interstate commerce commission in comparison with rates on the same product to other points in the west and the railroads have been ordered to reduce them by amounts ranging from 10 to 20 per cent.

The decision fixed the fair rate from the fields mentioned to points on the Western Pacific between Ola and Golconda at \$5.50 per ton; to Winnemucca \$5.90; to points between Benin and Reno, inclusive, on the Southern Pacific and between Krum and Reno, inclusive, on the Western Pacific, at \$6.25; to points on the Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad between Lund and Callente and to Pioche at \$5.60; to Etna, Taylor's Spur and Stine, \$6.60, and to points between Boyd and Roach on the Los Angeles & Salt Lake at \$7.

Rules were laid down to bring about proportional reductions at other Nevada consuming points which were not specified in the descriptions given.

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AIRPLANE MAKES VOYAGE TO SAVE HUNGRY PEOPLE

Marooned on a little ranch in the Red Rock district, twelve miles north of Reno, a father, mother and two children were saved from great suffering from hunger by the timely use of an air mail plane which carried food in sacks to the lonely little ranch house and dropped the sacks in front of the yard while the mother and children gazed upward and waved a thankful and happy goodbye as the big plane slowly circled over their heads and started back to Reno, says the Gazette.

A visit from Santa Claus, with his flying reindeer, would not have been as surprising or as welcome as was the visit of the air mail plane, because the family's supply of groceries was almost exhausted, the father is ill and the family had no way of making their plight known to the outside world and no way of reaching Reno to secure more supplies.

The father, J. Welch, came to Reno about three weeks ago and purchased a small supply of groceries. On his way back to the ranch he stopped at the ranch of Carl Barnes and was apparently ill at the time. Then the big storm came and Barnes, who knew the condition of the family, watched daily for Welch to go to Reno to get more supplies. He also inquired at the grocery store where Welch traded. Thinking the man must be ill and that the family was practically marooned in the desert without food, Barnes set out for the ranch in his car, but after going only a few miles the car was mired in the mud and it took four horses to pull it out. Then with a sack of groceries tied to the saddle Barnes started on horseback to take the food to the isolated family, but because of the deep snow and mud he could not make the trip.

Returning to Reno Barnes went to the air mail field and enlisted the help of Major Tomlinson. Pilot Vance volunteered to fly the plane with Barnes as a passenger. With three large sacks of groceries tied over the side of the machine they left the field in the morning and were back in half an hour. As the plane circled low over the isolated ranch house the mother came running out of the door and looked up just as a big sack of groceries dropped into the yard. Then the children came out and the three stood in the yard while the plane made two more circles over the house, dropping a sack of groceries each time. Bacon, beans, canned goods, flour, sugar and other necessities made up the grocery list and for several days are taken care of for the family needs. This is the first time, so far as air mail officials here know, that the air mail service has been used to bring aid to isolated families.

Adams-McGill Buys Connors Pass Ranch

Return of sale with petition for confirmation has been filed in the matter of the estate of Ellen Connors, deceased, with the clerk of the district court by A. J. Proctor, administrator for the estate, who was authorized by the court January 23 to sell certain real estate and property belonging to the estate. The property sold is known as "Rosebud" or Connors station, situated in Connors canyon, on the Osceola road, and has been in charge of William Mulvihill for the last several years. The property was bought February 20 by William Y. McGill and the consideration named was \$2,600.

Annual Budgets for Schools and County

The board of county commissioners met last Monday at the court house and started to prepare the budget for the coming year. Ed Willard, member of the board of education, presented to the county board the budget for the maintenance of the high school for the coming year. The budget calls for the expenditure of \$45,227.

Bids submitted for the erection of a new stack at the court house were as follows: W. F. Allard, for a copper stack, \$295.15; one-eighth B. iron, \$275.15; Dick house, copper stack, \$623; No. 10 galvanized iron, \$330.90; Fred L. Moore, copper stack, \$591; ten-gauge galvanized iron, 299. The contract was awarded to Mr. Allard for the erection of a copper stack. The size of the stack is to be 15 inches in diameter and 30 feet high.

Hard Trip Over Schellbourne Summit
Frank F. Norton of Aurum came to Ely Monday with Forrest A. Matson to attend to business in the city. Mr. Norton says that the road over Schellbourne summit was in bad shape and that but for the assistance of John H. Dolan, who was opening the road, they would have been unable to make the summit. They hooked their car to the road grader, which was drawn by eight horses, and were thus enabled to make the summit. Mr. Matson came to Ely to get his wife and baby, who have been stepping at McGill for some time, to take them to their home at Pierson. They returned to their Spring valley home yesterday.

LOCAL TALENT SCORES IN BOBBY BURNS PROGRAM

A large and appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed the musical given by the Woman's Club at the Rockhill-Schallenger hall Monday evening. The occasion was a Robert Burns evening and the Scotch selections were well rendered and well received by the audience.

The program opened with a selection from "Mam'selle Napoleon," by Gustav Ferdes, which was exceptionally well rendered by the high school orchestra under the leadership of Professor R. B. Sherman, their director. This was followed by an interesting paper on "Robert Burns" by Miss Mary Black. Mrs. Anthony Jurich then sang "Annie Laurie," accompanied by Miss Eva Timmons, and responding to an encore sang "Coming Through the Rye," both songs being beautifully rendered, as was "Laddie," also sung by Mrs. Jurich in place of the solo by Mrs. Gerald McNay of Ruth, who was unable to take part in the program on account of illness.

Dr. H. E. Burnett pleasantly sang "Loch Lomond" and when the audience clamored for an encore he responded with "The Wee Wee." Dr. Burnett was accompanied by Mrs. Burnett.

Twelve pupils of the eighth grade, in costume, danced the "Highland Fling" and upon repeated applause came back and danced the second time. Next followed Miss La Veta Harrison, who in a sweet voice rendered two Scotch songs, with Miss Timmons as accompanist. George P. Annand was next on the program and with orchestra accompaniment, with Professor R. B. Sherman the violin and Robert Annand at the drums, in his wonderful voice sang "Bonnie Jean," which called forth hearty applause. Judge D. C. McDonald, before reciting his Scotch selection, amused the audience with a humorous story. The story and selection were both enjoyed by the audience and received merited applause. The final number on the program was the "Wang Wang Blues," by the high school orchestra.

The program was arranged by Mrs. Josephine Weyman, who was assisted by Mrs. D. C. McDonald, president of the club.

Moose Endowment Assisted by Ely Ball

The dance given Wednesday evening at Bijou hall by the local order of Moose for the benefit of the endowment fund of the order attracted a large crowd. At the commencement of the dance Attorney V. H. Vargas gave a short talk on the order and the good it has accomplished and the good that the people present and those who bought tickets have done by their patronage in helping the fund used for educational purposes. Mrs. Anthony Jurich, in her always pleasing voice, sang and was compelled to respond to an encore. Both of her songs were exceptionally well rendered. Dancing continued until midnight.

Local Jurist Makes Strenuous Pioche Trip

Judge C. J. McFadden returned Thursday evening from a trip to Pioche, where he went to settle receivership matters.

Former Judge Charles Lee Horsey, representing the stockholders of the Virginia Louise Mining Company, petitioned the court for a receiver for the company. Before the case came to trial H. W. Rand of Los Angeles, a heavy stockholder in the company, redeemed the \$60,000 in bonds and an overdraft of \$2,500, thus making it unnecessary for the appointment of a receiver.

Judge McFadden left Ely last Saturday morning for Pioche and was informed that the train through Shafter for Salt Lake was twenty minutes late. He decided to wait at Shafter for the train and had to remain there until 11 o'clock that night, arriving in Salt Lake at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. He left Salt Lake at noon Sunday and arrived at Callente at 3 a. m. Monday morning. Between Callente and Pioche the train left the track, causing another delay, so that he did not arrive in Pioche until noon. Tuesday the judge presided at a session of the district court which lasted until 9 o'clock in the evening. The judge left Pioche Wednesday morning, arriving home Thursday night after a strenuous trip.

University Club Elects New Officers
At a recent meeting of the members of the University Club the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Herman Wise, president; C. J. McFadden, first vice-president; W. S. Larsh, second vice-president; Jay E. Brinton, secretary. The following committees were appointed: Finance, B. L. Quayle, L. H. Murdock and William Biagone; entertainment, Fred T. West, B. L. Quayle and R. F. McCrae; house, S. B. Elbert, Jay E. Brinton and Herman Wise; membership, G. L. Hickey, Arthur Smith, F. M. Grant and Vail M. Pittman.

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